

Sunday, November 22, 2009

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An e\_\_\_\_\_ people
- Not all answers are g\_\_\_\_\_ answers.

### **2. We need an e\_\_\_\_\_ not an e\_\_\_\_\_.**

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- Who is Nehemiah?
  - A f\_\_\_\_\_ taster for the king
  - A c\_\_\_\_\_ for the king
- God used an Epicurean to build the wall around Jerusalem.

### **3. How did Nehemiah do it?**

- Nehemiah was in s\_\_\_\_\_ with God spiritually.
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- Nehemiah was in sync spiritually but also p\_\_\_\_\_ accordingly.
- Nehemiah dealt with s\_\_\_\_\_ -b\_\_\_\_\_, o\_\_\_\_\_, and c\_\_\_\_\_.



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- Nehemiah was in sync spiritually but also planned accordingly.
- Nehemiah dealt with set-backs, opposition, and critics.



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